



# TEAGUES BRIDGE PRIMARY

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Friday's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Uniform

All children should be in school uniform and black shoes, not trainers. If children are coming in their PE kits because they have PE first thing, they must remember to bring their uniform. We will contact you to bring this in if they forget.

All children should be wearing the school PE kit, we are starting to see some children wearing their own kit. We implemented this so all children are equal and we don't have the designer sports wear etc, which not everyone can afford.

### Staff Carpark

The carpark is not for parents to park and it is not a drop off or collection point. PLEASE DO NOT park on the staff carpark at any time during the day.

### Absence

Can I please remind you to inform the office if your child is absent from school, you must phone each day they are absent from school. Also, where possible, please avoid appointments for your children during the school day. If this can't be avoided you must provide the office with proof of the appointment.

### Coats

Some of the older children are arriving at school with no coat and some children with no jumper. Can you please ensure they have their coat, especially during this cold weather.

### Jewellery

Children should be wearing a gold or silver plain stud in their ears. Any form of dangly earrings are not suitable due to health and safety.

Have a lovely weekend.





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education & training through theatre



On Monday 15th January 2024, Loudmouth Theatre group came to school and worked with Sharks and Octopi classes. Both classes took part in a workshop that explored online safety, respectful relationships and how to keep ourselves safe. The workshops included drama and discussion work and all of the children found it to be enjoyable and informative. Here are some photographs from the workshops:





# This week in Seals...

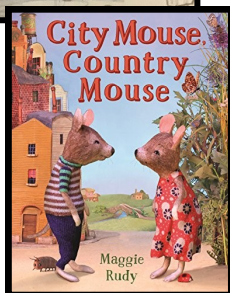
## Art

Last week in Seals, we took part in 'Take One Picture' and transformed our class into an art gallery. The children looked into the artist Vincent van Gogh and studied his artwork 'Landscape with Snow'. The children recreated his artwork in various ways and particularly enjoyed finishing the picture and practicing their line skills.



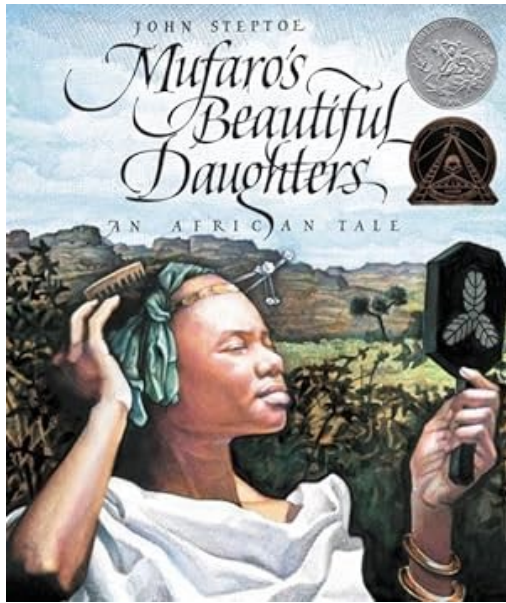
## Literacy

This week in literacy we have begun to immerse into our new text, 'City Mouse, Country Mouse'. After discussing the book and asking questions to find out more, we created a talk plan to roleplay the story and show our understanding.





# This week in Swordfish class...



This week we have started reading our new story 'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters.' The children have enjoyed learning more about the characters throughout the week and carrying out drama activities linked to some of the key parts in the story. As the story is set in Zimbabwe, we researched where Zimbabwe is and looked on Google earth to see how far away it is from us.

See if your child can recall any key parts of the story, or even their favourite character.



We did some 'Hot Seating', where the children were asked questions, but were answering from the point of view of key characters.

## Maths:

We have been learning all about 'perimeter' since returning to school. Ask your child what 'perimeter' means. We looked at regular and irregular polygons and got out the rulers to measure accurately. Once the children became confident with this, they moved onto reasoning and problem solving activities, which were a challenge! Please continue to work on times tables at home.



## Art

### Take one Picture

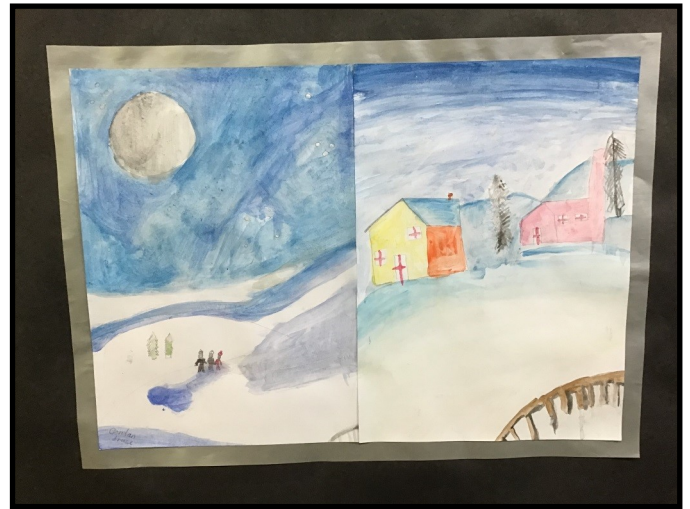


During our first week back, the children did lots of art based on the painting *Snow at Argenteuil 1885* by Claude Monet. Here are some of the pieces that the children created by themselves.



# This week in Beluga's.....

This week, Beluga's have settled back after their holidays and produced some fabulous work. During Take One Picture week, the children focused on a piece of artwork by Gordon Bruce. The children began by recreating the piece of artwork using paint. After that, the children were given half of the artwork and worked with their partner using watercolour to recreate the piece of artwork focusing on shadows within the picture.



In geography, the children have been learning about 'Trade and Economics'. For their memorable experience the children learnt about the importance of Fairtrade. Working in groups, the children used recyclable materials to recreate the Fairtrade logo.



Well done Belugas for an amazing few weeks back after the holidays. Keep smiling and working hard!



# This week in Octopi...

A fantastic first couple of weeks back here in Octopus Class...

We began the term by immersing ourselves in our 'Take One Picture' theme, whereby we enjoyed exploring the artist L.S. Lowry. We studied in detail his 'Going to Work' piece, before recreating our own match stick people and a scene with one point perspective inspired by his work. We explored using different techniques used by Lowry and enjoyed mixing colours and experimenting with shades. Here are some examples of the work that we have created...



Additionally, we have enjoyed working with 'Loud Mouth' to learn about dangers such as county lines and grooming that young people across the country are at risk of being coerced into on a daily basis. The workshop was extremely informative and provided us with the opportunity to learn about dangers, whilst also being provided with the information about how to keep safe. During the workshop we looked in detail at the NSPCC PANTS campaign and learnt about who we are able to speak to if we are feeling worried or unsafe, along with a range of services provided to support young people during worrying times.



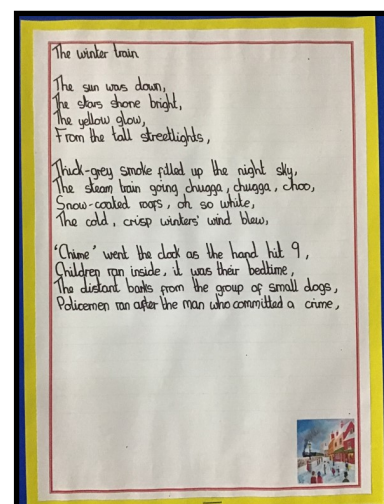
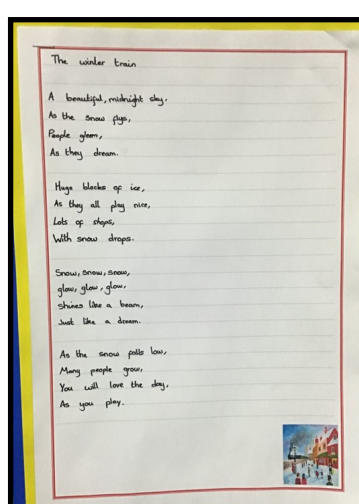
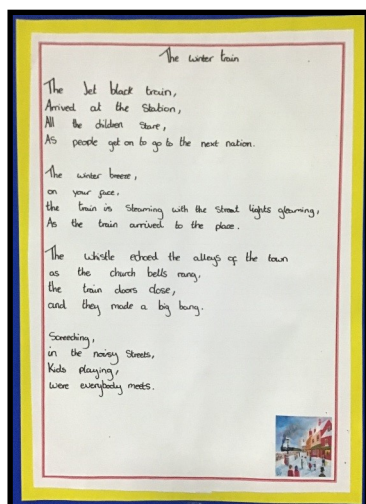


# This week in Sharks .....

The last two weeks in Sharks, we have been taking part in the whole school theme 'Take on Picture'. We have been looking at the winter scene by Gordon Bruce. We first looked at the picture being in one point perspective and practised drawing buildings on a street using one point perspective. We then used half of the original picture and then sketched and painted the other half. Here are some of our examples :



In literacy, we used the image as inspiration for poems about winter. We thought about the vocabulary and the image the picture gave us. Here are some of our examples:





## *Homework of the week award*

We have introduced a new award for Friday's award assembly.

This is in recognition of the fabulous homework most of our children produce. It is also to show the importance of doing homework.

We need to ensure that children are equipped to be able to complete homework, as a school we are looking at our homework offer and adapting it to meet the needs of the children.

The most important homework your child can complete is reading, this opens the doors to all other learning in school and in life.

Each Base has nominated two children for this week's homework of the week award

Turtles	Finley	Ashton
Starfish	Theo	Eric
Seahorses	Toby	Olivia
Dolphins	Tymon	Poppy
Seals	Olly	Pradeep
Swordfish	Leo	Luna
Beluga's	Kyra-Mai	Tola
Octopi	Isabella	Ajai
Sharks	Weronika	Udham

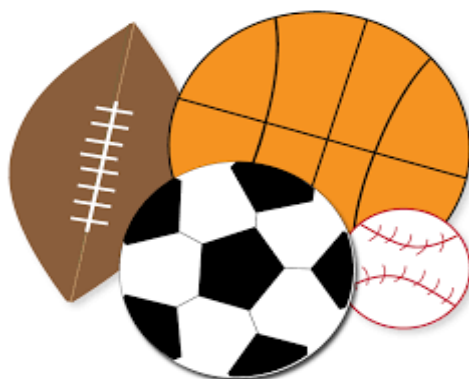




## Star Player of the week award

On Monday, Thursday and Friday, all children have PE. This is delivered by the Crossbar coach. The coaches have recently introduced star player of the week from each base. This is because of the effort they make and the sportsmanship they show. Please see the children chosen for 'Star Player of the week' award this week.

Turtles	Millie
Starfish	Alfie
Seahorses	Alfie
Dolphins	Poppy
Seals	Freya
Swordfish	Jairaj
Beluga's	Kendall
Octopi	Daniel
Sharks	Manraj





## Friday Awards

Our Awards Assembly takes place on a Friday via Microsoft Teams. Children were awarded with their certificates in class. Please see below a list of the children who have received awards this week.

Base	Star of the week	Worker of the week	Whale Rules Champion	Respectful Rangers	Handwriting Heroes	Punctual Panda	Best attendance
1	Bridget	Neda Roman	Willow Greyson	Iris Logan	Esmee	Lilly	Maria
2	Oscar	Leyla Sienna	Clark Lyla	Jacob Preston	Gunveer	Jenson	Aniya
3	Ellie	Nathan Tymo	Chloe Jasmine	Archie Maya	Michelle	Enzo	Dexter
4	Harry	Luna Poppy	Harrison Jax	Leon Gabriella	Isla	Carter	Retal
5	Layton	Max Ivy	Emma Charmaine	Eloise Theo	Corbyn	Macey	Karla
6	Harrison	Bella Lilly	Ollie Erin	Amaia Sakina	Iris	Leon	Ella
7	Tola	Louie Layla	Jake Evie	Emily Alfie	Layla	Michal	Kyra-Mai
8	Cyrus	Jayden Lacey	Betul Britney	Bella Isla	Karanveer	Kacey	James
9	Lacey	Sienna Lillijana	Ilyas Manraj	Amelia Charlotte	Leighton-Jae	Archie	Cody

Best class attendance this week:

EYFS ~ Turtles ~ 95% ~ FANTASTIC

KS2 ~ Seals ~ 98% ~ SUPER



## Friday Awards

The Cleanliness award is to encourage children to take care of their classroom environment and the areas around it. It is to ensure that children are proud of their classroom and it is a welcoming and safe environment to work in.

Each class are given points every time a member of the Senior leadership team, goes into their classroom. They can get 20 points if their classroom is perfect, 10 points if there are some things on the floor and 5 points if it is tidy but a little disorganised.

The class with the most points at the end of the week gets a class certificate and the cleanliness trophy. The children have really embraced this new award and were excited to learn which class had won, this was announced in our Friday's award assembly.

# The Cleanest classroom is:

## Base 3





# Picture News

## TAKEHOME



### Will self-driving vehicles change our lives?



## In the news this week

Motorists in Britain could be completing journeys using driverless cars by 2026 the transport secretary, Mark Harper, has predicted. He believes that fully autonomous vehicles, in which people become passengers in their own cars, will arrive in the UK that year and follow a gradual rollout. The government introduced a bill in a speech by King Charles III that paved the way for autonomous cars, without a safety driver, after pressure from industry, MPs, and Sir Patrick Vallance in his recent review of technology regulation.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think you would like to travel in a self-driving vehicle?
- > Make a list of the positives and negatives of self-driving vehicles.
- > Do you believe we will see more self-driving vehicles on the roads over the next few years?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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